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**From:** grcne02940@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:04 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** House bill H6112 Budget Article 15 (5-44.1) PSYPACT In favor

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in favor of passing PSYPACT, the Psychology Interjurisdiction Compact.

I am a clinical child psychologist, specializing in gifted children. I am a member of ASPPB and would like RI to join the PACT. About 18 states have already passed the legislation needed and several more have had the bills introduced. RI has had several such bills introduced over the past few years but they were not passed. Let us not have another year go past without passing this important bill.

What belonging PSYPACT would do would allow psychologists to practice telemedicine in a regulated manner across state lines. In person visits would be limited to 30 per year in member states. Not only does being part of the PACT allow wider practice for RI psychologists but it allows psychologists from other states to be regulated in their interjurisdictional practice.

PSYPACT would help with the problem I have with Telehealth in surrounding states like CT and ME where I cannot currently practice but often have people who want my services since I have a speciality in gifted children. Both of these states have introduced PSYPACT legislation this year too. If all three states were to pass PSYPACT I could, with an "e-passport," expand some services to these states.

Finally enacting PSYPACT enables the various regulatory boards to provide protection to consumers because what can be done under PSYPACT is strictly regulated.

I hope you will pass H6112 this year.

Thank you,

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